



Arizona Department of Public Safety

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Arizona Department of Public Safety announces revised speed threshold for photo enforcement violations *New threshold takes effect immediately*

Arizona Department of Public Safety Director Roger Vanderpool has ordered a new speed threshold for all photo enforcement cameras on the metropolitan Phoenix freeway system and state highway system from 10 miles per hour over the posted speed limit to **11 miles per hour over the limit**.

The new trigger speed eliminates an inconsistency created by speed related statutes. The change also reflects public input since the expanded program was put into operation on Sept. 26, 2008. For example, the speed limit for the downtown I-10 corridor in Phoenix was recently raised to 65 mph from 55 mph so that speed limits are more consistent from one photo enforcement zone to another.

The triggering speed for photo enforcement activations will be **11 miles over the posted speed limit in all locations**. Drivers can expect to receive notices of violation in the mail if the cameras capture their vehicles violating the posted highway speed limit by the new higher threshold.

Please note: DPS Officers continue to have the discretion to issue speeding citations at speeds below the 11 mph trigger speed.

The mission of the Arizona Department of Public Safety, one of the most dynamic state-level law enforcement agency in United States, is to protect human life and property by enforcing state laws, deterring criminal activity, assuring the safety of the motoring public on Arizona's highways and providing vital scientific, technical and operational support to other criminal justice agencies. The Department, also one of Arizona's largest law enforcement agencies with some 2,200 sworn and civilian employees, consists of four divisions – Highway Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Criminal Justice Support and Agency Support. The Department is headquartered in Phoenix with offices located in more than 80 communities within Arizona's 15 counties.

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